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## **Global Masters of Arts Program II**

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On 27 September 2001, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) announced a series of initiatives to improve the professional skills of security cooperation workforce members. Included in these initiatives is a graduate degree program for mid-career international affairs personnel.

In November 2001, the Director of DSCA accepted the Foreign Military Sales (FMS) Reinvention Training and Career Development Integrated Process Team recommendation to adopt the Tufts University Global Master of Arts Program (GMAP II) as the graduate studies program of choice for the international affairs community. The program was endorsed by senior Military Department (MILDEP) representatives at their November 26, 2001 Security Cooperation 5 meeting. In March 2002, the Director, DSCA, Lieutenant General Tome H. Walters and the Dean, Fletcher School, Tufts University, Stephen Bosworth signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) acknowledging their joint venture and officially recognizing GMAP II.



**General Tome H. Walters presenting opening remarks for the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding.**

GMAP II is a twelve-month course of study in international affairs leading to a Master of Arts degree in International Relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University located in Medford, Massachusetts. GMAP II is specifically designed for mid-career level professionals. The program combines three two-week residency sessions with state-of-the-art internet-based courses of study. The one-year program is presented in trimester form with three courses presented the first and second trimesters, and two courses plus a thesis in the third trimester.

The graduate studies program is intended to enhance the skills of selected civilian and military personnel working in international affairs positions. By participating with other U.S. government agencies, defense industry personnel and international FMS customer representatives, as well as international affairs professionals from various organizations, backgrounds, and cultures; Department of Defense (DoD) international affairs personnel will improve their knowledge, skills and personal networks leading to quick, effective solutions to the challenges of an ever-changing world.



**Dean Stephen Bosworth and Lieutenant General Tome H. Walters signing the Memorandum of Understanding.**

While anyone may apply for this program, it is desired that the primary audience targeted by DoD will have the following qualifications:

- A minimum of eight years of professional experience (not necessarily all in international affairs);
- Current mid-career professional in a position with international affairs responsibilities;
- Bachelors degree (or equivalent) required;
- Demonstrated intellectual ability.

Additionally, the Fletcher School also has a specific foreign language competency requirement (Reading 2/Speaking 1). This competency requires each student to pass the language test prior to graduating from the program, not upon, or as a qualification, for admission. Matriculation for the first class will be March 2004.

The Defense Institute of Security Assistance Management (DISAM) has been appointed by the Director, DSCA to serve as the executive agent for the GMAP II. The Directorate of Research is DISAM's focal point with the MILDEPs and other DoD organizations for day-to-day management and oversight of the graduate studies program. Additional information about this program can be found at the DISAM website <http://disam.dsca.mil/gmapII/gmapII.htm> or the Fletcher School website [fletcher-gmap@tufts.edu](mailto:fletcher-gmap@tufts.edu).

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